Babri Masjid, Ayodhya Temple and Godhra riots in textbooks

801. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT is going to introduce the chapters on Babri Masjid, Ayodhya Temple and the Godhra riots in school textbooks; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) NCERT will introduce new textbooks for classes, I, III, VI, IX and XI during 2006-07. There will be no chapters on Babri Masjid, Ayodhya Temple and the Godhra riots in these textbooks.

Neglect of General Broadcast Code

†802. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of neglecting the general broadcast code by TV channels in the country have come to light from time to time;

(b) if so, whether it is necessary that clear and accurate guidelines should be fixed for these TV channels so that the incidents of distorting the culture, civilization and tradition can be checked under these guidelines; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the details of future action of Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. There have been cases in past where there have been violation of Programme and Advertising Codes by private TV channels. In the last one year 32 show cause notices have been issued to various TV channels for violation of the Codes.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.